



State Senator Robert Garton District 41



OCTOBER IS MONTH OF HEALTH AND SAFETY

INDIANAPOLIS - October not only brings us fall foliage and Halloween, but also a large number of national safety and health observances:

October 6-12 – National Fire Prevention Week will take place as an effort of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The week's goal is to spread the word about fire prevention, fire safety, and protection against fire hazards in the home. Families are encouraged to practice escape drills and know what to do in the event of a fire.

October 10 – The second annual Put The Brakes On Fatalities Day will be celebrated across the country to encourage the public to take a greater stand in keeping themselves and their loved ones from becoming a statistic. Motor vehicle crashes are a greater threat to life and limb in the United States than murder. In 1999, there was one murder every 34 minutes while there was one traffic-related fatality every 13 minutes. Every day in this country motor vehicle crashes cause an average of 114 fatalities, totaling more than 41,500 over the course of a year. The goal is to unite the country in achieving one full day of zero traffic deaths by encouraging safer behavior and actions and by promoting safer roadways.

October 18 – National Mammography Day will take place as this month of October marks the 13th observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The observance marks a renewed commitment to the struggle against breast cancer and salutes the courage of Americans living with this serious disease. The effects of breast cancer have touched many lives, whether through personal diagnosis or the diagnosis of a family member or friend.

October 21-27 – National Health Education Week is the third week of October, and will be the National Council on Health Education's eighth National Health Education Week Campaign. This year's theme is "Medicine Education: What Children Need to Know."

Garton represents District 41, which includes Bartholomew County and portions of Johnson and Shelby counties.

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